GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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COVERAGE OF AKASHWANI AND DOORDARSHAN
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has chalked out any plan to improve the coverage of Akashwani and Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the amount sanctioned/spent by the Government for implementation of the plan during each of the last three years and in the current year, State and Union Territory-wise; and

(e) the further steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) to (c) Doordarshan coverage in the country, in terrestrial mode, population & area-wise is about 91% and 79% respectively. The areas uncovered by terrestrial transmission along with rest of the country, have been provided with multi channel TV/Radio coverage through Doordarshan's free to air DTH service (in Ku-Band) signals, which can be received all over the country (except A&N Islands). For expansion and improvement of terrestrial coverage, 155 transmitter projects of Doordarshan and 249 transmitters/studios of All India Radio are presently under implementation, as part of continuing schemes from 10th Plan. In addition, a scheme for providing DTH service (in C-Band) to A&N Islands is under implementation.

(d) Amount spent on the schemes of expansion and improvement of Doordarshan and AIR coverage, during the last three years is as under :

Exp.(Rs. Cr.)

Year	Doordarshan	AIR
2004-05	47.40	11.29
2005-06	61.72	19.09
2006-07	93.98	21.47
2007-08	24.63	6.17

(e) Eleventh Plan of Doordarshan and AIR is yet to be finalized.